



Bicton Primary School

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Wed, 8 March	Early Close 2.30pm Italian Lessons 2.30 – 4.00pm
Fri, 10 March	Room 14 Assembly

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We hope you all enjoyed a nice long weekend. It was well deserved after last week's very hot humid weather along with a power blackout and air conditioners struggling to keep up. It was good to see many students coming to school with extra water bottles to help them keep hydrated.

Spelling accuracy is part of the developmental process of learning to write. Effective spellers use a variety of different strategies to spell correctly including; frequent writing to practice their skills, exploring meaning of words to build on what they know and proof reading to check and review words.

Last week, parents from the Years 5/6 classes were provided with an opportunity to attend a spelling workshop conducted by our Years 5/6 teachers. They learned tips and strategies to help their child with spelling. Participating parents gained a better understanding of how spelling is taught and had opportunity to engage with the spelling strategies our Years 5/6 teachers are currently using. We had some very clever parents who were rewarded with a faction token. It was a very informative workshop and we would like to acknowledge and thank our teachers.



Thank you to the P&C parent committee and the BFG (Bicton Fathering Group) for volunteering to have a cake stall and sausage sizzle at the state election on Saturday. The funds raised from these types of events go back into the school for the benefit of the students and community

We are looking forward to the parent quiz night on Friday 24th March. We know the parent committee has been working hard organising prizes and selling tickets. Thanks to all involved and for volunteering your time.

We have been lucky in the visual arts room this term to have the Chinese students and their teacher visit with us. Our theme for the beginning of the year was 'Chinese New Year' so they have

been sharing some cultural information with us to expand on our learning in this area. One of the Chinese students 'Angel' presented us with a Chinese New Year door decoration with traditional Chinese writing which she had made. She has been learning this form of writing for 6 years. The decoration is to wish for good luck to come in the New Year.



Stephen Doherty
PRINCIPAL

TALKING TO THE SCHOOL

The relationship between the home and the school plays a very important part in your child's education.

We cannot overestimate the critical role parents play in successful learning. Parents contribute much to their child's development and

are among the most important influences on the way in which the child approaches learning.

Teachers are responsible for the more formal aspects of children's learning, and successful teaching builds on the home experiences of the child. This is most effective where there is an active partnership with parents.

Two-way communication is a critical factor in the partnership between parents and the school. Where a partnership exists, it is easier for parents to feel confident about the teaching and learning taking place in the classroom and to solve problems.

Seeking information as early as possible can solve many problems. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, the homework set or the assessment procedures, contact the class teacher. The best way to do this is to contact the staff member or the school to arrange a mutually convenient time for a telephone conversation or meeting.

Try to identify the problem clearly before going to the school. If there is more than one problem, list them to ensure that the extent of the problem is clear to the school.

Make an appointment to talk with the teacher/staff member. This can be arranged directly with the staff member or through the school office. If your concern is about the conduct of a staff member, you may prefer to discuss the matter with a school administrator.

STUDENT ILLNESS

(Communicable Diseases Guidelines 2015)

School staff and parents assist in preventing the transmission of diseases in the school environment. While it is often difficult to prevent the transmission of common respiratory (colds/flu), viral and ***gastroenteritis*** infections that occur, every effort should be made to minimise the spread of infection by encouraging:

- students to stay at home in the early stages of illness as at this stage they can be infectious and shed the virus, bacteria or parasite through coughing, sneezing, contaminating surfaces and personal contact
- students who are ill should not return to school until they are symptom free if they have a cold or flu and for at least 24 hours if they have had gastroenteritis
- parents to seek medical advice if their child has on going symptoms of illness.

Please notify the office should your child be unwell with a serious communicable illness.

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

Parents please be considerate of residents around the school. Some parents have been parking across homeowners driveways and blocking access. Other parents have been parking on the verge. As a community we need to be aware of the local residents and the safety of our children around the school during drop off and pick up times.

EDU-DANCE IS BACK FOR 2017

All Kindy to Year 5 students will participate in Edu-dance classes during Term 2. Notes and invoices will be sent home next week with payment due by the end of term 1. Parents are asked to please pay to ensure your child's participation. The children receive fantastic benefits from these lessons. At the end of term 2 we will have a concert for the students to display their talents. Notification of the concert date and time will come out early next term.

SAFETY MESSAGE

With so many great play areas around our school currently being enjoyed by our students and the wider community it is important to remind everyone about equipment safety. Our school gardener regularly checks the playground equipment for faults. If you happen to notice any damage please report the issue to the office. Damaged equipment is reported to a maintenance contractor and is usually repaired promptly.

We would like everyone to be aware that sand play areas could contain hidden and potentially harmful items such as bottles, metal and sticks. Our sand pits are regularly checked and raked by our gardener on school days. We have occasionally received reports of unwanted items in some of our pits following the weekends.

Our cleaners and gardener are continually working hard to keep our school clean. We would appreciate if you can also help by reminding students and the community to put their rubbish in the bin.

SCHOOL DISCO

Get your party shoes on and get ready for the first school disco of the year being held on Friday, 31st March. The Kindy – Year 2 session will be 4.30pm – 6pm and the Year 3 – 6 will be 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Notes will be sent home soon. Please remember this is a Bicton Primary School students only disco.

BAKERS DELIGHT – FREE LOAF OFFER

Bakers Delight Melville Plaza in conjunction with Bicton Primary School are proud to make the following offer to all our families.

ONE FREE LOAF OF BREAD A DAY, PER STUDENT, FOR ONE MONTH

The offer is from the healthy and fresh traditional range which includes, Hi Fibre Lo Gi, Wholemeal, Wholemeal Chia, White, White Chia, Wholemeal Country Grain and Country Grain.

The team at Bakers Delight Melville Plaza have a passion to supply the best and healthiest bread to the local children.

Families will be given a VIP card and all you need to do is take it to Bakers Delight Melville Plaza to receive your free loaf. The offer commenced with our Kindy students for the month of March.

From then on each month the next year level will receive their VIP card. This is a very generous offer from Bakers Delight Melville Plaza and we thank them for their support.

MERIT AWARDS

The following students were Merit Award Winners at our assembly on Friday, 3rd March. Congratulations and keep up the hard work.

PP1	Leo P
PP2	Lily B
Room 1	Rani L, John M
Room 2	Angus P, Torah H
Room 3	Olivia T, Taylor B
Room 4	Dhani N, Setayesh B
Room 7	Jemima B, Sam D
Room 8	Finn G, Jessica E
Room 10	Katya F, Ava M
Room 12	Asta J
Room 14	Leila N

P&C NEWS

CAKE STALL ELECTION DAY – PLEASE BAKE A CAKE

Election Day, March 11th, is at our school and we will be having a cake stall and sausage sizzle. Can you help bake a cake or help on the day? If you would like to help on the day please give Belinda Doig a call on 0416 808 747. All cakes, biscuits or slices can be dropped off Friday in the Conference Room near the office. Alternatively, you can bring the cakes to the stall Saturday morning.



BICTON PRIMARY SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 24th MARCH IS QUIZ NIGHT. Parents please remember to buy a ticket. There will be great prizes and games. BYO Drinks and nibbles. Please contact Jess Ellis - jellis76@hotmail.com or Di Lim - dilim22@hotmail.com for further information.